

Nowalk 6^o March 2. 1835.

Dear Wife

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I write this just to put your mind at rest in regard to the safety of your better half. You will be surprised I doubt not to receive a letter dated at Nowalk instead of New York. The explanation is this - I reached Farmington Wednesday noon - the travelling was so bad I could not get there sooner - On Thursday I went to New Haven & Friday to New York & arrived about 3 P.M. At 3 o'clock attended a lecture from Bro. Thompson in Dr Lansing's church where I met our abolition friends. Among the rest was Mr Benedict, Learitts partner, a native of this place, who said he was coming here the next day & wished me to come with him, & so, as the committee could not well meet to decide upon our subsequent movements until Wednesday evening, as some of them were going out of town, & as nothing could be done by me in the city I concluded to come up here for the sabbath & do here I am. This is the centre for the County. I preached yesterday but not on abolition in so many words & yet do as to set the whole town talking on the subject to day. I lecture this evening & tomorrow & return to the city on Wednesday I shall then send you some money & state definitely what arrangements I make in regard to our domestic affairs. I think however it is probable I shall conclude to put an addition upon the house & make it convenient. I think it can be done without great expense. If I do not go up the

Now I shall propose to the committee to let me go a month or more to Farmington & vicinity in order to oversee the alterations to be made & put every thing in good order so as to make a convenient home for us as long as we may need it & so that Mother can have things convenient when we are not there. I will write ~~you~~ you the whole arrangement in detail when I have fixed upon it.

The friends in N.York received me most heartily. Remember me affectionately to all the family - a kiss to Ned - & believe me as ever your attached husband. I need no say that I want to be with you - I find that this want is growing upon me & whatever arrangement I make I shall try to make one that will allow me to be with you as much as possible. I find every where a growing suspicion that all is not right in the A.B.C.F. missions & also in our Theological schools, & mark my word there will be in less than two years a revolution of feeling in regard to them that will astonish the Community.

Yours sincerely
A. A. Phelps.

P.S. Found Mother & other friends all well - but had not received your letter.